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JOURNEYS FOR WINTER.

It would be nice to spend the winter at Palm Beach or in Bermuda, wouldn't it? Or to ride in a caravan of camels west of Alexander and come upon the Sphinx and the pyramid of Ptolemy. Or to visit Abnam or Java in a squat sampan, or walk the streets of Allahabad at the mela, the great fair of India. Yes, it would be nice.

There are at least several score of our fellow townpeople who will take not one, but all these journeys this winter. You hadn't heard? Why, yes, a rich young man has been to the schools and promised to take the brightest of our children voyaging in quest of high adventure whithersoever they would go.

No many will be allowed to take parents or guardians along. For the rich young man is imagination, and the youngsters will follow him through the commonplace medium of the geography class. We who used to know only that Illinois was yellow and Pennsylvania green, whose learning was summed up in the little singsong that started: "State of Maine, Augusta, on the Kennebec river," we saw too little of our children's friend, Imagination.

Geographies are written with his aid these modern times. Pick one up sometime. The pupil of today has no need to hide a copy of "The James Brothers at St. Joseph," or "Old and Young King Brady," behind his "joggerly." It is mightily near as interesting as those excellent literary works ever were. And the alluring part about the travel pictures that it paints is that they're true.

"MAKE IT SNAPPY."

There are those who believe modern man does things more quickly than his forefathers; that he hustles to the point of action and gets done what he has to do; that he "makes it snappy." This is not handing our ancestors a fair deal.

While it is true that we move faster from one place to another than great-grandfather moved we do not think faster, talk faster, nor work faster. We take as much time to say our say, and we do, if anything, say it in more words. We don't, for instance, make it as snappy as Caesar, when he came, saw and conquered. The old railroad was "off a'gin, and gone ag'in" in fewer words than the modern reporter tells his story of a railroad wreck.

Just now the English speaking world is deluged with words telling how, 300 years ago, the Pilgrim fathers came to Plymouth. But on that December day Mounts Journal told the whole story of the finding the harbor, the exploration of the nearby land, and the decision to make it their permanent home in 35 words. We travel from Plymouth, England, to Plymouth, Mass., much faster than the Pilgrims did it, but, on the other hand, waste more words telling about it.

CURBING RECKLESS DRIVERS.

The prosecuting attorney of a county in Ohio has filed charges of assault and battery against the driver of an automobile whose machine struck and injured two persons. The claim is made that the driver did not take ordinary care to avoid the accident.

The charge of assault and battery, resulting from hitting a person with an automobile instead of a club,

can, it is claimed by the prosecutor, be sustained under a recent decision of the supreme court of the state. The penalty in Ohio for carelessness in driving an automobile is a fine of \$25, but under the charge of assault and battery the driver may be fined and sent to the workhouse for six months.

A reckless driver might not be cured by fining him the maximum for carelessness, but it would be quite another matter if he should be sent to the workhouse. The large number of pedestrians and drivers of automobiles injured by reckless automobilists makes it desirable that something be done to curb the carelessness that is shown by many persons in the use of high-powered vehicles.

If the Ohio prosecutor is able to sustain his charges in court, he should be able to create a wholesome regard for the practice of care in the operation of automobiles. Drivers who are careful are in just as much danger as pedestrians, and it is to their interest that the careless ones be restrained.

THE ABUSED BACHELOR.

Who is it that always delights the mothers by chucking their youngsters under the chin, and who never fails to have some peppermints in his pockets? Why, the bachelor friend of the family, of course. Yet you never hear his praises sung. There is a Mother's Day, and a Father's Day, but there is no day for unwed uncles, natural or acquired.

Every bachelor is a potential uncle to every kid. Every bachelor responds when Johnny trots out his shiny new pig bank. When Daddy can't find a penny for sister, the old bach who happens to be there sticks his hand in his pocket, remarks that he believes he has a little chicken feed, and presents Sis with a big nickel—invariably.

Married folk are entirely too fond of running down the bachelor. Maybe the poor fellow does occasionally need a button, and perhaps he's not just as careful as his friends' wives think he should be. But goodness knows we all have faults. If you think a man never amounts to anything until he gets married, just consider some of the notable bachelors of history.

Michel Angelo, the artist, was unmarried, as was Voltaire, the philosopher. Then there were Rafael, Chopin, Beethoven, Charles Lamb, Pope, Henry James and Swinburne. Add Petarch, Kitchener, Cecil Rhodes and President Buchanan to the list, and you'll agree that the bachelors have a little Hall of Fame all their own.

OUR DISAPPEARING FORESTS.

A recent announcement by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company that it must seek a foreign supply of cross ties to support its many miles of steel rails is but another indication of the passing of the great American forests. This one railway requires 6,000,000 ties annually for its roadbeds. White oak, from which the best ties are cut, is becoming scarcer every year, and other woods are not suitable.

So the Pennsylvania railroad will seek a new supply of cross ties, either in Central or South America, and this brings us once again to a realization that our own forests, once the greatest in the world, are fast disappearing under the ever-increasing demand of our growing industries. During the war this situation was brought to our attention more than once, when certain woods were needed for carrying out our shipbuilding and airplane construction programs.

The Pennsylvania is only one of the great railroad systems which bring our states into one great union. There are approximately 250,000 miles of railroad in the United States. In every one of these miles about 3,500 cross ties are needed.

The vast forests of North America are gradually being used up and efforts so far made to replant them have been on too small a scale to be worth-while except as an indication of what can be done through a national reforestation program carried into effect on a huge scale by the federal and state governments.

THERE USED to be a lot of fight in the real-estate whiskey, but the moonshine stuff paralyzes a man before he can get into action.

IT IS NO WONDER that a Kansas judge took time to consider the matter when a telephone company asked permission to reduce rates.

SOME FOLKS like so much to advertise themselves that they buy a drum when a horn becomes too monotonous.

THE CHINESE are cutting off their queues, but the tael is still the standard of money in that country.

The Passing Show

AN astronomer announces

THAT nebulae are not hot which RELIEVES us of the fear we have always

HAD that we might

PICK one of them up in an absent-minded moment.

THE man who loses a law suit

GETS mad every time

HE sees Judge or Jury spit with a CAPITAL "J."

IF the folks who are hunting

TROUBLE would quit

A LOT of others who are dodging

IT would not be so nervous.

IT has been said that the

DAY of miracles is a thing of the past

YET occasionally one hears of

A PACKAGE shipped by express which

REACHES its destination.

IF a man prospers because he

HAS sense enough to keep

HIS mouth shut

THIS rest of us go around talking ABOUT his dumb luck.

THE temporary industrial depression

SHOULD do a lot of good

IF it puts silk shirts back

INTO the luxury class.

WE have little fear that the

CHEEK-TO-CHEEK dance will ever creep

INSIDIOUSLY into our

OWN 41-46 social circles

AND corrupt our morals

ON account of shaving only every other

DAY regardless of engagements.

THERE is also the kind of man

WHO wouldn't spend one minute

RESISTING temptation but who will put

IN an hour praying for

FORGIVENESS after it is all over.

ONE eminent doctor announces that

THOROUGH yawning is the very best

EXERCISE there is and hereafter as a loyal

MEMBER of the class of 41 to 46 eager

TO keep fit in case of another call to the front

WE are going to think about the

LEAGUE of nations for ten consecutive minutes

BEFORE rising in the morning

INSTEAD of going through our regular

SETTING up exercises.

SOMETIMES a wife gets so she

BELIEVES that her husband

TELLS the truth only when

HE can't think up a

SUITABLE lie.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

1—Is the senate chamber used for any other purpose than for meetings of the United States senate?

2—Who was vice-president during Abraham Lincoln's first administration?

3—What is the outer covering of the skull called?

4—What country introduced engraving to the world?

5—What are cryptograms?

6—What is the "Dead Letter Office?"

7—Where did the melodrama originate?

8—What was the "Alamo?"

9—Who instituted the Legion of Honor?

10—At what place is the shortest day of the year only three hours and 13 minutes in length?

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S QUESTIONS

1—What is the weight of the vapor passed off in a day by the human body in the form of perspiration? Answer: About two and one-half pounds.

2—What part of the total bulk of an iceberg is below the water? Answer: The part of the iceberg below the water is nine times as great as the part above sea level.

3—What god is the type of manly strength and manly endurance? Answer: Hercules.

4—How long is the rock of Gibraltar? Answer: It is three miles long, three-fourths of a mile in average breadth and 1,403 feet high at its highest point.

5—In what country does the grand cabinet meet between the hours of four and six o'clock in the morning? Answer: In China.

6—For what purposes were the pyramids used? Answer: They are the tombs of the rulers.

7—What state in the Union is known as the Granite state? Answer: New Hampshire has been so named.

8—When were the first political parties formed in the United States? Answer: Political parties in the United States began as early as 1787.

9—What was the greatest piece of blasting the world has ever known? Answer: The removal of Flood Rock at Hell Gate in the East River, New York, was the largest blast ever made.

10—Which one of the seven wonders of the world was set on fire the night Alexander the Great was born and why? Answer: The temple of Diana in Ephesus was set afire the night Alexander the Great was born in order to give him an undying name.

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CLARA HAS THEM ALL GUESSING

[INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE]

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 28.—Gov. J. A. B. Robertson, of Oklahoma, today denied that he had ordered the attorney-general's office to take over prosecution of the trial of Clara Smith Haddon, as variously reported during the last few days. The governor declared no such order had been given, but admitted it was under consideration.

"I never said I would use the state's legal resources to force Mrs. Haddon into prison for her alleged crime," said the governor, in commenting on a statement attributed to him, "but she ought to go to jail."

"I have not the slightest idea as to whether the governor will call in my office in the Haddon case," Atty. Gen. Prince Frothing said today. "Of course, if the governor directs me to intervene in the case, such a course would be entirely legal. County Atty. Brown of Ardmore is a capable man, but as his term expires the first of January, his appointment as special prosecutor would be up to District Judge Chapman."

"Clara Haddon should be fairly tried in the regular manner by an impartial jury and let it go at that, whatever public opinion may be. Personally, I hope my office is not infected into this case."

DEATH FROM SLEEPING SICKNESS

[INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE]

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 28.—Sleeping sickness has claimed another victim here, the fourth in six months. Frank E. Cross, general manager of the Detroit City Gas Co., died Monday night after suffering from the malady for six weeks, during which period he was conscious only at intervals.

KIDDIE KAPERS

By Bill Bailey



I'm going marketing with Ma;
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 The things I like to eat.

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